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ALL CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA VIA POUCH

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TAGS: ENRG, ELTN, PGOV, SOPN, CA

SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR GAS SWAP

REF: TORONTO 1995

1. IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 6 "SWAP GAS TO AVOID ENERGY SHORTAGE," THE TORONTO STAR CONTINUED TO PUSH FOR THE PROMPT SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL GAS TO THE UNITED STATES AGAINST AGREEMENT BY THE U.S. TO REPLACE SUCH GAS WITH ALASKAN GAS ONCE THE PIPELINE IS BUILT AND TO END CANADIAN COMMITMENTS FOR GAS EXPORTS TO THE U.S. THAT WERE TO RUN TO THE 1990S. THE STAR BELIEVES THAT THE IMMEDIATE SUPPLY UNDER SUCH SWAP AGREEMENT WOULD MAKE THE U.S. MORE AMENABLE TO THE "WISE RECOMMENDATIONS" OF THE LYSYK REPORT, INVOLVING A DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION TO SETTLE NATIVE LAND QUESTIONS AND RESOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

2. THE STAR ALSO BELIEVES THE SWAP ARRANGEMENT WOULD BUY TIME FOR CANADA TO "RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF CANADA'S FUTURE GAS
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SUPPLIES" AS THE CONNECTING DEMPSTER LINK FROM THE ALCAN PIPELINE TO THE MACKENZIE VALLEY DELTA MIGHT NOT BE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, AS LYSYK NOTED, AND "THERE'S NO GUARANTEE WE COULD GET MACKENZIE GAS TO CANADIAN MARKETS." THE STAR GIVES THE EXAMPLE THAT THE POLAR GAS PROJECT, FOR GAS FROM THE ARCTIC ISLANDS, DOWN THE WEST SIDE OF HUDSON'S BAY THROUGH MANITOBA MIGHT BE THE BEST PROJECT FOR CANADA

WITH A POSSIBLE LINKING LINE TO THE MACKENZIE DELTA.

3. QUOTE- THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WE NEED TO BUY TIME THROUGH SOME KIND OF SWAP ARRANGEMENT. IT'S ALSO THE REASON WE NEED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH WORKABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS NOW, TO REDUCE OUR FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS.

THE DRIFT AND ERRORS IN CANADIAN ENERGY POLICIES ARE CATCHING UP WITH US NOW. WE NEED TIME -- BUT WE NEED TO USE IT WELL TO MAKE UP FOR TIME WE'VE WASTED IN THE PAST.

THE CABINET SHOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND AS IT DELIBERATES THIS WEEKEND. THERE'S NO NEED FOR CANADA TO HAVE NATURAL GAS SHORTAGES A FEW YEARS FROM NOW. UNQUOTE.
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